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State Supreme Court to Rule on 'Hot Cargo' Act

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The first argument before the Supreme Court of California on the constitutionality of the "Hot Cargo" Act occurred on Monday, September 23, in the State Building in Los Angeles. With all members of the court present the case of W. T. Blaney of the Teamsters' Union and the Upholstery Supply Company, and the case of Ken Weston of the Teamsters' Union and the Calavo Company were argued by Attorneys Clarence E. Todd, representing the State Federation of Labor, and John C. Stevenson in behalf of the teamsters.

This argument before the Supreme Court climaxes a fight waged for many years by the California State Federation of Labor against this vicious anti-labor law. When the legislature first passed the act in 1941, its terms were copied into "Hot Cargo" ordinances which were enacted in a number of counties and cities up and down the State. The federation brought suit against every county and city which passed such ordinances and forced the repeal of every one of them. Later, when the State law became effective in 1942, suits were filed in superior courts in San Joaquin, Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange counties, but up to the time of the decision by the Los Angeles Superior Court, under which Brother Blaney was sent to jail, no superior court had ever upheld the constitutionality of the "Hot Cargo" act. Since the Blaney decision, the superior courts in Fresno and Humboldt Counties have also held that the act was constitutional.

In none of those cases which were lost by the employers was an appeal taken to the Supreme Court to test the lawfulness of the act. It was therefore necessary for the California State Federation of Labor and the unions involved in the Blaney and Weston cases to carry the question to the Supreme Court in order to obtain a final ruling on this question which is of such vital importance to Labor in California.

The Blaney case involved a petition for habeas corpus following his being sent to jail by the Los Angeles Superior Court because, in a labor dispute with the Upholstery Supply Company, Blaney, on behalf of the union, announced on several occasions that the products of the struck plant were unfair. He advised various purchasers that if they bought unfair products from the Upholstery Supply Company, the product would be picketed even in the possession of the purchaser. In two instances, Mr. Blaney informed suppliers of the unfair concern that any material which they might sell and attempt to deliver to the company would likewise be picketed. There was no suggestion that any of these statements were untrue or that any violence was committed or threatened, although on one occasion it was found by the Superior Court that Mr. Blaney made a statement in a "loud voice," which the court evidently considered to add to the enormity of his offense.

The other case, which was argued at the same time, involved a dispute between the Calavo Company and the Teamsters' Union, in which Ken Weston was ordered to pay a fine because he had stated to various groups of workers that the products of the Calavo Corporation were unfair, that union employees of other companies should not work on the unfair product, and that the unfair goods whould be picketed.

Voluntary Disability Insurance

The California State Federation of Labor is calling attention to all affiliated unions that any voluntary disability insurance plans that may be proposed by private insurance companies or employers should be discussed with the federation before acceptance. Various insurance carriers have been asked to submit any proposed plans they have formulated to put into effect when the State disability insurance fund starts operation. By consulting with the federation unions may avoid any misunderstanding or victimization of the membership of their ions.

Clerical Help Scarce

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—The shortage of clerical help in offices is becoming acute, an American Management Associations survey of office executives disclosed. The survey of 900 office managers disclosed that executives believe the experted turn to the office of former workers who took factory jobs during the war has not materialized, new recruits for the office from schools have dwindled, and publicity given to wage increases in factories has tended to draw the attention of potential office workers away from clerical work.

Let's Chat About Community Chest

Starting Monday, October 7, the annual fund-raising campaign of the San Francisco Community Chest gets under way. The goal for the drive has been set at $3,350,000. That's a lot of money, you are saying under your breath. You bet it is a large sum, but when measured by aid and succor extended to unfortunates among our people and other community endeavors, it's not so much.

Let's see where our money goes for 1946-1947: $211,500 will give care for 2,000 dependent and neglected children who will benefit from living in a group home. For care in private families 1,000 homeless children will lead normal child lives; this needs $466,173. Day-care for children over two years of age whose mothers work will cost $78,023. For temporary care of infants, pending adoption, placement or return to parents will take $99,689 of the $3,350,000 fund. Ever present is the care of unmarried mothers and their babies' future; the lowest possible figure for this work has been set at $49,364. Of course, people always get into trouble; it may be personal, family, marital, legal, racial, or problems of citizenship; to assist in straightening out those tangles, the Chest needs $494,343. You are asking: "Look as the cost to administer and carry on a campaign?" We'll answer that a little later.

In a large city such as San Francisco, help for the aged and handicapped is necessary; that will use $87,562. Sometimes it is believed we advertise our city too much in other parts of the Nation, for a large number of persons come here to make their homes; to aid these people, information and counsel at rail, bus and air



terminals must be maintained; also people, especially children and the aged, get sick and need attention. This one item costs (to do an adequate job) the Chest $51,810. Part-time nursing service or at moderate fees to people of limited financial needs will require $45,584. Famous the world over are the many medical clinics of San Francisco. This service is made available to those unable to pay full costs for medical care; the Chest supplies $480,090 for this work. Health instruction costs $45,479. Work among boys and girls in recreation, crafts, physical education, uses $571,387; that is a cheap price to be paid to defeat child delinquency. Neighborhood and community centers for all age groups takes $236,890 of the total. Services to veterans, which includes information on benefits, jobs, education and family problems is a low-cost item, needing only $55,298.

Still in the armed forces of the United States are thousands of men and women. For their pleasure and for those in hospitals, together for those in local camps and overseas, entertainment is necessary. Through the USO entertainment and other services are available; the Chest budget for the work is set at $230,125.

Now, about that item you mentioned above. You know, administration and campaign costs. That takes $146,683. Too much, you say. In one way, yes. In another way, no. Think what unorganized work of the nature carried on by the Community Chest would cost. We had that sort of thing at one time in San Francisco. Tremendous expenditure of money with little or no results. No. The administration and campaign costs are not high in view of the over-all job.

Today, Organized Labor has a say in the official family of the Community Chest. The AFL has Frank Fitzgerald as its representative. His services are available to all Labor people. He is there to maintain a watch on behalf of Labor and also to render service to individuals or organizations affiliated with the local AFL Movement. Mr. Fitzgerald will deem it a favor if you will bring your problems to him for solution so far as the Community Chest is concerned.

Finally, let's put it this way: When you see or hear of some one who finds himself or herself in need of the Chest's many community services, *especially* those needing aid through misfortune, think that "but for the grace of God there go I." In one sum the $3,350,000 goal is high; individually, your share is small.

Is Rail Chief Whitney Leading Trainmen to CIO?

The following article appeared in the September 28 issue of *Labor*, a national newspaper representing 15 recognized standard railroad Labor organizations. The article, written by a special correspondent of the newspaper, is interesting because much gossip has been going the rounds following the strike of the trainmen some months ago. It is well known that Whitney has been toying with the idea to affiliate his group with one or the other of national Labor organizations. The article follows:

NO RUSH FROM GREEN

Rival Labor Groups Wooing Him—So Whitney Intimates

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. S– –As the twenty-eighth convention of the T– der way here, President A. F– ublicity designed to make – and CIO are engaged in a "tu– win over his organization. He brough– a "public relations director" to put out statements along that line.

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Whitney sought to make it appear that he is seriously weighing proposals from both groups for affiliation. As a matter of fact, however, it has been known for weeks and even months that Whitney wants to lead his organization into the CIO.

He is reported to be using all the influence he can to persuade the delegates to support his scheme. The ultimate aim, it was said, would be for Whitney, together with the CIO and "Bill" Foster's Communists to conduct far-flung "raids" on the other Standard Railroad Labor Organizations. As previously reported by *Labor*, Foster's crowd has already hopped on the bandwagon.

Incidentally, Whitney's publicity releases told of President Philip Murray of the CIO and President William Green of the AFL having been invited to address the convention. Newsmen were told that the two Labor chiefs would compete in an "endeavor to win over the membership of this powerful independent union."

Actually, however, Green in reply to Whitney's invitation, declared it was uncertain whether he could attend. Green wrote that during the most of the period of the Trainmen's parley, he will be kept busy on other engagements, including the AFL's own convention in Chicago.

"In view of this fact, it seems impossible at the moment to advise you definitely when and if I can respond to your invitation," Green added.

AFL Fights Discrimination

The American Federation of Labor has issued a very effective pamphlet in which it attacks "prejudice and intolerance" as crimes against democracy. This pamphlet should be read by all the members of the AFL, not only because of its timeliness, but because of the stirring message it contains. Copies can be obtained from the American Federation of Labor office in Washington, D. C.

Stereotypers' Strike Settled

Settlement of the strike called by Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union, No. 29, was effected early this week when the union and commercial employers agreed on terms of settlement. The union made gains in wages, cut the hours of the workweek to 37½, received six paid holidays and two weeks' vacation with pay after one year's employment. The strike was effective in seven commercial shops and one shop in Oakland.

Labor Urged to Oust 'Reds' From Unions

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—A fervent appeal to all Christian Labor union men to crusade upon Communists who have wormed their way into the American Labor Movement was made by Most Rev. Bartholomew J. Eustace, head of the Camden Roman Catholic Bishopric, at a rally of 5,000 men and boys at the first post-war session of Camden and Gloucester counties.

"There can be no peace in the world of Labor or in the world at large until atheistic Communism is defeated," he said.

"If Christian union men will attend their union meetings, Communism will be undone. A dozen Christian union men with good intentions can turn the Labor unions into the right direction."

He then warned his listeners they may not co-operate with Communism, "even if they must starve."

"Communism is wrong in the same way that murder, stealing and lying are wrong," he said. "It is evident that the Russian government does not want peace, but desires chaos. We extend the open hand of friendship, but the clenched fist would not take it in friendly grasp.

"A nation is only at peace when it is co-operating with God. When a nation expels God from its councils that nation is at war with itself."

Labor Press Praised

ROCKFORD, Ill. (ILNS)—The 64th convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor paid high tribute to the Labor press as an agency in education of union members. In adopting the report of the executive board on the subject, the convention declared "despite the advancement of motion picture news flashes and radio commercial programs interspersed with news items, the Labor journal and Labor newspaper are still in the lead." Other techniques of spreading knowledge and information are substitutes to the printed word, the report stated. The convention warned trade unionists that certain promoters illegally used the Labor Movement as a means of soliciting advertising for "fly-by-night" journals posing as organs of Labor.

Seeks to Avert Labor Disputes

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—In a move to cut industrial strife here to a minimum, Mayor O'Dwyer established a new agency, a Division of Labor Relations, which will seek to avert open breaks and iron out disturbances in key industries. He expressed desire for a long range policy "to anticipate and prevent" disputes. The new agency will be headed by Edward C. Maguire, deputy transportation commissioner. Mr. Maguire is a graduate of Fordham and the Fordham Law School and has specialized in Labor relations litigation extending into the U. S. Supreme Court. He is a former city magistrate.

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"The Department of Agriculture is the agency which allocates sugar to the Office of Price Administration for rationing to the civilian population. Through rationing to all types of consumers, the Office of Price Administration distributes that allocation.

"The Department of Agriculture estimates that the amount of sugar available for civilian use this year will be very slightly higher than in 1945, but still about *one million tons* below pre-war consumption. While the Cuban crop, our largest source of supply, is larger than last year, the recent drouth necessitated a sharp reduction from the early estimates of the output from that area. Furthermore, the effect of the war on sugar production in the Philippines, internal strife in Java, and the war-torn conditions in the sugar beet areas in continental Europe, cannot be overlooked in any consideration of the world sugar-supply picture.

"The Philippines, prior to the recent war, supplied us with approximately one million tons of sugar annually. The Philippines have shipped no sugar since 1942. Their sugar plantations were destroyed and must be replanted and since the first harvest cannot be made until approximately two years after planting, in all probability we will not receive shipment from that source even in moderate quantities until 1948.

"Therefore, the total amount of sugar available for 1946 is very inadequate and continued tight rationing is necessary in order that all may have their fair supply of this important food."

Trainmen Complete Their List Of Congressional Enemies

MIAMI BEACH (ILNS)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in convention here pledged its treasury to defeat reactionary Congressmen in the November 5 elections. President A. F. Whitney reported that a Nation-wide survey of Congressional districts has just been completed. The names of legislators whom the brotherhood will oppose will be submitted to the convention within a few days.

Referring to a possible union with the Congress of Industrial Organizations or the American Federation of Labor, Whitney declared that he would make no recommendation to the convention on affiliation. "The delegates will decide after hearing Mr. Green and Mr. Murray," he added.

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Havenner Endorsed

Outstanding Labor record of Congressman Franck R. Havenner, ranking with the best in Congress in the sponsorship and support of progressive Labor legislation, was further recognized this week by the official endorsement by the National and State Legislative Boards of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Radio Output Large

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—The Radio Manufacturers' Association announced production of radio receiving sets in August reached an all-time peak for both this year and as against pre-war averages. In August the industry's total production was more than 1,500,000.

Massive Might of Labor Told in War Dept. Report

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The tremendous record scored by American Labor and industry in the recent war, despite a late start, was thrown into bold relief by a War Department report showing this Nation poured out nearly half of all the munitions produced by all allies during the war.

The record, compiled by Troyer S. Anderson, historian of the department, showed that in the final year of the war American Labor produced 60 per cent of the total munitions output, according to the *Infantry Journal.* American munitions output in the last war year was at a rate of $50,000,000,000 a year—equal to that of all the rest of the world.

From the outset of the war, the report showed, America produced 227,735 planes, including 3,571 very heavy bombers, 30,980 heavy bombers, 16,028 medium bombers, 17,690 light bombers, 67,538 fighters, 22,481 transports, 54,879 trainers and 14,558 others.

Other items produced and channeled into the war effort by American Labor included:

Tanks, 87,235, including 1,791 heavy, 56,679 medium and 28,765 light.

Hand and shoulder weapons, 17,255,000, including 6,050,000 carbines, 3,988,000 MI rifles, 2,001,000 submachine guns, 2,828,00 pistols and revolvers, and 476,-00 bazookas.

Artillery, 585,556, including 182,278 aircraft cannon, 46,735 anti-aircraft cannon, 35,189 light field pieces, 880 heavy field pieces, 103,894 mortars, and 215,163 rocket launchers.

Self-propelled weapons, 48,816.

Trucks, 2,347,000.

Ammunition, 39,952,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 283,067,000 rounds of field artillery, mortar, and rocket ammunition, and 4,560,000 tons of aircraft bombs.

Aviation gasoline, 60,000,000 barrels.

Despite its slow start, and its pitifully low stockpile of weapons at the start of the war, the Army and Navy, with the unstinted aid of industry and the vast army of American Labor which sprang into action, successfully overcame this original handicap and presented to the world the most formidable arsenal it has ever known.

Air Pilots Reject Pay Proposals

CHICAGO (AFLN)—Pilots and co-pilots of the Trans-World Airlines rejected a government fact-finding board's recommendation for rates of pay and indicated they would strike, if necessary, to settle their pay dispute, David L. Behncke, president of the Air Line Pilots' Association (AFL), announced. Mr. Behncke said the dispute involved salaries for pilots and co-pilots of TWA Constellation and Skymaster four-engine aircraft on both domestic and international flights.

Vets Share Wage Gains

WASHINGTON — Returned veterans have shared equally in the general wage increases obtained by civilian workers during the war period, according to a preliminary survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. Veterans who were surveyed by the bureau averaged $46.75 a week or $1.05 an hour for an average workweek of somewhat over 44 hours, a gain of about $6.50 a week and 20 cents an hour over the earnings of the same men in their last pre-service jobs.

Unfair Labor Practice Charged

Department Store Employees' Union, No. 1100, assert that two members of their union were subjected to unfriendly methods by White House department store officers when the two, Leona Graves and Beulah Gibbons were explained to store clerks advantages to be gained by affiliating with the union. The two women have entered suit against the store for $60,000.

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AFL Membership Drive Extended to Southwest

DALLAS, Tex. (AFLN)—Plans to expand the AFL's southern membership campaign into the Southwest were completed at a conference here, attended by more than 500 Labor leaders, representing chiefly central Labor bodies and locals from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Frank P. Fenton, AFL organization director, and George L. Googe, chief of the Southern membership campaign, delivered the main addresses.

The delegates took a strong stand for limitation of imported Latin-American labor on temporary work permits, a practice adopted during the war and held to be no longer necessary.

Announcement was made by Googe of the appointment of J. L. Rhodes as vice-chairman and assistant director of the Southern Policy Board, in handling of organizational work in the South. Rhodes is a member of the Carpenters' Union and an AFL organizer. J. W. Parks of Beaumont, Tex., another organizer, also was named as assistant director.

These developments came as the Southern Conference of Teamsters implemented its own membership drive by establishing in Atlanta, Ga., a legal research department to keep locals throughout the South informed on legal issues affecting Labor.

Meanwhile, wide gains by Teamsters throughout the South were reported in negotiation of new contracts.

The City of Galveston granted the General Drivers' Local an across-the-board increase of $20 a month, effective as of June 30 last.

An NLRB election in Shreveport, La., showed the AFL Teamsters chosen as the collective bargaining agent for employees of the Frost Lumber Industries, Inc.

Substantial wage increases and other benefits were granted bakery drivers in Galveston and Houston under the terms of new teamsters' contracts. Similar gains were reported in many other scattered areas where the southern drive has shown marked progress.

Laborers' Set for Progress

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Following its most interesting and successful convention—one of the outstanding conventions held this year by any Labor organization—the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union of America, usually called merely the International Laborers' Union, is settling down to what observers believe should prove a long period of constructive progress.

While the Laborers' Union is already one of the largest in the American Federation of Labor, and is well organized throughout the building and construction and associated industries, organization activities are being extended.

Union Shop Won

After hearings before a three-man arbitration board headed by Hubert Wyckoff, Watsonville lawyer, an award for a union shop was given AFL janitors and elevator operators' unions. The issue had been submitted August 1 and was the outcome of negotiations between the Building Owners and Managers' Associations and the unions. At one time the unions were on the verge of strike action. All non-union employees under the jurisdiction of the unions must affiliate, according to terms of the award.

Printing Trades Conference

Two groups of the printing trades will convene conferences in Fresno on October 5 and 6. Meeting on Saturday, October 5, the California Allied Printing Trades Conference will conduct business dealing with the group. On Sunday, October 6, the Northern California Conference of Typographical Unions will open its regularly quarterly meeting. The two organizations will also hold joint meetings.

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Union Label Column

By U. Topham Awl

ST. LOUIS—It is significant that the governors of the neighboring States to Missouri are issuing proclamations declaring their respective "Exhibition Day" for the AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition, to be held October 29 to November 3, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri.

I. M. Ornburn, director of Union Labor's big "show," is highly elated over the splendid co-operation shown by the chief executives of midwestern States. This week, at the St. Louis headquarters, he stated that thousands of visitors would come from adjacent communities. Caravans are planned by union label boosters as far away as Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and other States to trek into St. Louis for the exhibition.

Mr. Ornburn has made an appeal to international, national, State, central and local Labor unions, union label leagues and women's auxiliaries to send representatives to the St. Louis Exhibition. He urged officials of all branches of Labor unions to be in attendance at the union label "show," which will be an annual event to be held in other cities throughout the United States.

Shelley Gains Leading L. A. Citizens in Election Drive

Two leading Los Angeles attorneys announced that they would take the lead in spearheading the campaign for Senator John F. Shelley for Lieutenant Governor in the Southern California area. Bates Booth, former special assistant United States attorney, disclosed the formation of a committee of lawyers for Shelley, while Nathan Newby, well known in church and civic affairs, is setting up a speakers' bureau to furnish information about Shelley's eight-year legislative record to all Southern California organizations and clubs.

John R. Richards, executive vice-president of Hill, Richards and Company, investment bankers, who served as the dollar-a-year man in charge of war bond sales for the United States Treasury Department in this region, announces that he had accepted appointment as chairman of the Southern California Citizens' Committee to Elect Senator John F. Shelley lieutenant-governor.

Bank Case Decision Near

According to the current issue of *Bankemployee*, official publication of Office Employees' International Union, Local 29, Oakland, its collective bargaining case before the NLRB involving the Bank of America, will be processed by the board as rapidly as possible, according to officials of the board in Washington. Elsewhere in the publication it is noted that a sound majority of the 950 Bank of America employees in 51 branches answered "Yes" to a union question: "Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by Bank Employees' Division, QEIU, Local 29, AFL?" The union is maintaining the gains made thus far and will carry on its organization campaign to ultimate victory.

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'Unfair' Lumber Movement Stopped in Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA — Pickets of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, aided by San Francisco and Bay counties' locals, successfully halted the flow of "unfair" lumber from struck Humboldt and Mendocino counties' mills through the Northwestern Pacific subterminal here.

Since supporting crewmen of the four railroad brotherhoods halted a 55-can train at the picket line September 27, no "hot" lumber has moved through the yard, a division point at which cars from the north are made up into trains destined for the Bay area and overland.

Martin Balke, international representative for the lumber workers, established a picket policy permitting passage of all goods other than the boycotted lumber and traffic over the rail lines aside from the struck lumber was uninterrupted.

The Lumber Workers have been on the picket lines some 260 days in a bitter battle for a union shop agreement from the nine powerful monopoly lumber companies which control 95 per cent of the Nation's redwood production.

24 Millions Kids in School

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Approximately 24,000,000 American youngsters between the ages of 6 to 17 are attending school this fall, it was estimated by the Census Bureau. It predicted that, due to the high birth rate in the early stages of the war, this number will be increased to 26,000,000 within the next four years.

Baseball Queen of the Year

Carol Peregoy was elected "Miss Baseball of 1946" in a contest conducted by the Oakland Baseball Club. As baseball queen she will attend the world series when it opens in Boston. Miss Peregoy was sponsored by Laborers' Union, No. 304, affiliated with the Oakland Central Labor Council.

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Henry A. Wallace

The resignation of Henry A. Wallace as a member of President Truman's official family came as no surprise to those who follow the trend of affairs a la Washington. The writer of this paragraph has admired Henry A. Wallace for his many sterling traits and for his efforts on behalf of the "little people." Yet, when he, in so many words, apparently wanted to appease Russia, we were forced to differ. Appeasement should have ended at Munich. The foreign policy of the United States cannot be one of appeasement. The American people want peace with all people of the world. Russia apparently wants a sphere of influence worldwide in scope. Henry Wallace once said that "there is no difference between a native fascist and a European fascist." We add, "there is no difference between a native communist and a Russian communist." Appeasement with Russia will not work and Wallace must realize that fact of life. As a private citizen, Mr. Wallace has it in his power to contribute greatly to the American sphere of influence. He can present the American thought of honest, above-board policy. He can mirror the reflection of the American "little man" in the formation of American foreign policy, not by appeasement with an ideology that forbids freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom of free assemblage—not by any of those, but by drawing a clear, concise picture of the way of life in the United States so clearly that foreign rulers and their men of power and influence will clearly understand what the United States stands for. We hope that Mr. Wallace will give of his talents to further the position of a Nation which has twice defended the way of free men.

Second Guessers

The political writer of the San Francisco *Call-Bulletin* wrote a very fine article, full of statements about what happened in two meetings of the San Francisco Labor Council on September 13 and September 20. It was a well-written article with one exception—it was untrue in the main. The Labor Press of this country has pointed out time and again that too often the daily press either deliberately misrepresent or their facts are unsound. In the case of the *Call-Bulletin,* the writer is supposed to have received his information from someone attending the meetings. This case can be likened to the Japs who went sneaking around the waters of the United States taking soundings when they could have purchased charted maps from the United States Government. The political writer of the newspaper named could have secured the official minutes of the Labor Council as printed in the *Labor Clarion.* Instead, he elected to use the sayso of some one else. It is the policy of the S. F. Labor Council that all official statements come from the secretary's office and in this case the information given was wrong, unofficial and absolutely misrepresented. We only mention this matter to illustrate a fact that newspapers with the various political and business connections do go to great lengths to hurt the cause of Labor and its representatives. The Labor reporters on the dailies, it is fair to say, are fair in their reporting and do not resort to the methods that their political writing brethern use.

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

Cheers to Ray Lasater—AFL representative at USES—for his splendid work as chairman of the American Legion—40 and 8 parade last Sunday!

Among those glimpsed watching the Legion parade from the grandstand were: Dorothy Kersley, Bess Ellis and Eleanor Nessier.

Flying to New York for a month's vacation to visit with her mother is Frances McFarland—who leaves from the San Francisco Airport this Friday!

Rumors are again flying through the Labor Temple that the new elevator will be installed—but soon!

Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

Question—The reason I'm writing to you is to try and save our family group. If only my husband and I were to be considered, it would be different. But there's our 16-month-old daughter, too.

Ours was a war marriage. My husband, a seaman, was introduced to me during the war by a mutual friend. He had just been sent to San Francisco awaiting orders to go overseas and hardly knew anyone else here. We went together for one month and then decided to get married.

We had one wonderful month together and—orders came. He was shipped overseas.

When he came back, the baby was almost a year old. Somehow, although I always wrote him about her, he never seemed to get used to the idea that we had a baby that was as much his responsibility as it was mine.

Our situation has been made even worse because of the housing shortage. We've been living in a housekeeping room in town and can't seem to find anyplace else to go.

Although my husband is working as an AFL craftsman and making sufficient money to cover our current expenses, I think I should work too so that perhaps we could afford to pay more for an apartment and then we could find one. He told me that he wouldn't let me do this. His attitudes plus our various differences now in all matters are making me feel that, if it weren't for the baby, I would like to separate from him.

Answer—You certainly have more than your share of problems, as you say. Perhaps if your housing difficulties were solved, your other problems would seem less insurmountable. Because talking about your situation with a family service counselor might help to clear up some of your domestic unhappiness, I am going to refer you to the Community Chest's Family and Children's Agency, 1010 Gough street, where you can discuss your problems freely and confidentially.

Wall Street Jitters

By BORIS SHISHKIN

The stock market recently took another big dip. Everywhere people were wondering and arguing about the cause. Those expecting the worst at every turn were prompt to ask: Is this IT? Does the stock market break signal the approach of a post-war depression?

The buy-and-sell boys—those who trade in stocks not for investment, but just to make some easy money in the market—may get hurt by an adjustment in stock market prices of the kind that is now taking place. But it does not hurt the country.

As a matter of fact, the current stock market decline is a healthy thing. It is healthy for two reasons: First, because it is taking some air out of stock market inflation. Prices of almost everything have been steadily rising all along. But stock-market prices, unbridled and unchecked, have been boosted out of all proportion. The current adjustment will bring stock prices in closer relation to their worth.

Another reason why the decline is healthy is that it will sober up the speculators. People who gamble their savings in the stock market have no business doing it. Most of them are just plain suckers. They know little about the market and less about the stocks they buy. This mild break should teach them—if they can be taught—that the best place for savings is in Uncle Sam's savings bonds or in a savings account in the bank.

We are in the midst of a price boom which is close to the danger point. If it goes much farther, there will be a blow-out which will leave us flat. A number of current developments are producing added inflationary pressures. The worst of these is that a lot of goods now produced in large volume does not reach the public. It is kept in warehouses, waiting for still higher prices.

According to the Department of Commerce, at the end of July eighteen billion dollars' worth of goods were stored in the manufacturers' warehouses, four and a half billion dollars' worth in the hands of wholesalers, and seven and a half billion in retail inventories. A large part of this is just plain hoarding. These goods are badly needed by the public and should move out to markets in a steady stream. If instead they're all suddenly dumped in one fell swoop, the resulting log-jam may wreck our whole economy.

Dangerous developments such as this must be promptly dealt with to safeguard the present high levels of production and employment. If we do, we shall be able to keep on a clear and steady course toward lasting prosperity. The first quarter of 1947 promises to provide us with the fullest flow of peacetime production this country has ever known.

Unless these goods are deliberately priced out of the market which is provided by the combined pay envelopes of American wage earners, high level production and employment can be sustained. To maintain a steady pace of production and a smooth flow of goods into the market without artificial barriers and speculative hoarding is the greatest contribution business can make to America's post-war stability.

Your Taxes and Mine

How Big a Tax Cut?

By ARTHUR A. ELDER

How big a cut can the average worker expect in his income tax in 1947? The ranking Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Knutson, has been promising a 20 per cent reduction to all income tax payers, if the GOP wins control of the next Congress.

Representative Knutson proposes a flat reduction for all levels of income. This is a reactionary proposal, which gives tax relief to the upper income brackets out of all proportion to that which is proposed for the lower income tax.

Cuts in income taxes should be made on the basis of increasing purchasing power, particularly in the periods when there is danger that consumption will drop and throw the economy into a tailspin. This would require greater reductions for low income groups.

The sort of cut that Knutson proposes can lead to serious consequences. Economists are agreed that reduction of income tax rates in the upper brackets in the 1920's contributed to the Great Depression of the 30's. Those cuts led to the accumulation of idle savings and wild speculation in the stock market.

Even if tax cuts were desirable now, they are not possible, according to the *Wall Street Journal* (Tax Report, August 14, 1946), which says that Knutson's proposals are "over-optimistic." Certainly the *Journal* cannot be charged with prejudice against Republican Congressional leaders.

The best that wage earners can expect, according to sober economists, is an increase in exemptions and a 5 to 10 per cent cut in the surtax rate on individual incomes. This would ease the burden on lower incomes slightly, at a time when reduced incomes will make it desirable. If and when any changes in taxation take place, reductions in taxes on low incomes should be given first consideration.

Three conclusions are inescapable:

1—Proposals and promises to reduce federal taxes are just campaign talk, decidedly premature, and not warranted by the present economic situation.

2—If the tax reduction proposals of Representative Knutson were put into effect the prospects of depression would be greatly increased.

3—Increased exemptions so as to insure reasonable standard of living and steadily increasing purchasing power for low income groups should be given first priority in any tax changes proposed.

What Next?

An experimental application of air springs to railroad trucks, which may lead to revolutionary changes in railroad passenger-car design and increase passenger comfort, was tested recently. A car with air springs made a special run on the Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad between Michigan City and Chicago. Instruments recorded the slightest variations in lateral sway and vertical motion at speeds from 35 to 80 miles an hour. The air spring has already been used on airplane landing gears, heavy truck trailers, passenger buses and Bofors anti-aircraft gun carriers.

Your Stake in World Affairs

QUES.: How should the 51 flags of the United Nations be displayed?

ANS.: The flags of the member states of the United Nations should be arranged in alphabetical order. The flags should range from left to right from the onlooker's position.

Pictureless Cartoon

Elocution is a good thing. But it doesn't go far. It merely teaches a man how to speak . . . not when or how long.

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN
Member S. F. Typographical Union 21

To overcome "fellow travelers" and other "ism" idiots, expose them to the rights and ridicule of free speech. Even a mental weakness, driven underground, might become a sacred cause.

Economists say high profits and high wages go together. But now those who made high profits don't want to pay high wages.

What I like about the United States: We have everything in this country the rest of the world has . . . but peasants.

The oceans are shrinking. They do not separate us from Europe and Asia. Europe and Asia separate us from plenty.

One way to stop growing old: Refuse to condemn others for doing all the things you used to be able to do.

While awaiting arrival of justice in other countries, let us make sure it is present in our own.

Flattery is a weapon, like the gun of a bandit, and often used for the same purpose.

Accidents to Industrial Workers Listed at 513,549

SACRAMENTO—The number of California workers disabled as a result of industrial injuries in 1945 was larger than the entire population of the City of Sacramento, according to a report prepared for presentation by Paul Scharrenberg, director of Industrial Relations, to the monthly Governor's Council meeting.

Industrial accidents disabled 133,549 workers in California in 1945. This figure does not include non-disabling injuries which numbered approximately 380,000 during the year.

The 133,549 disabling injuries in 1945 represent a decrease of 10 per cent from the total of 148,643 reported in 1944, reflecting the drop in employment in manufacturing and other war industries during the period and also continued successful accident prevention efforts.

Industrial fatalities reported in 1945 numbered 568 compared with 632 in 1944, a decrease of 10 per cent. (Figures for both years exclude industrial deaths which were reported after the close of the tabulation dates for the respective years.)

Work accidents resulting in temporary disability fell to 131,598 in 1945 from 146,418 in the previous year. This also represents a drop of 10 per cent.

A total of 1,383 workers suffered injuries resulting in permanent disability in 1945 which was approximately 13 per cent below the number in 1944.

Male workers were involved in slightly over 89 per cent of the 133,549 disabling injuries in 1945 and women in just under 11 per cent. Fourteen women, including six who were 65 years of age or over, were killed as a result of industrial accidents in 1945, compared with 554 men. The latter figure includes four boys under 16 years of age and 31 men 65 years and over.

Among male workers, the largest number suffering disabling injuries (31,113) fell in the age group 35-44, while among female workers the 25-34 age group predominated (3,263). Children under 16 years of age were involved in 1,056 industrial accidents resulting in disabling injuries; of these 947 were boys and 109 girls.

Analysis of the causes of the 133,549 disabling industrial injuries in 1945 reveals that the largest group, numbering 56,453, resulted from the handling of objects. This major cause group accounted for more than 42 per cent of the total. Of significance is the fact that this type of accident increased by 23 per cent despite a decrease in total accidents of 10 per cent.

The second largest group of accidents was attributed to falls. The total of 25,328 for 1945, however, represents a sharp decrease of 35 per cent from 1944 when 39,081 accidental injuries were reported due to falls at work.

Industrial accidents involving machinery resulted in 11,478 disabling injuries in 1945, slightly above the total of 11,224 for 1944.

Injuries resulting from vehicular accidents climbed to 8,245 in 1945 from 4,540 in 1944, a rise of 82 per cent. This no doubt reflects the lifting of gas rationing during the latter part of 1945 and the consequent greater use of automobiles and trucks.

Tabulation of the disabling industrial injuries by nature of the disabilities suffered by the injured workers reveals that, as in the past, sprains and strains was the largest group; 41,941 in 1945 and 61,753 in 1944.

Second largest group of accidents resulted in cuts and lacerations; 33,183 in 1945 and 32,608 in 1944. Next largest group suffered bruises and contusions with totals of 26,616 for 1945 and 21,915 for 1944.

Fractures were involved in 13,045 accidents in 1945 compared with 12,965 in 1944. Burns and scalds jumped to 5,268 in 1945 from 3,002 in the previous year, a rise of more than 75 per cent.

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Grove, Hite H.—September 20; Carpenters' 2164.
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Kellogge, Carl E.—September 24; Operating Engineers' No. 3.
MacKenzie, John F. J.—September 25; Boilermakers' 6.
McGrath, John E.—September 26; Glaziers' 718.
Higgins, James—September 30; Sheetmetal Workers' 104.
LeJeune, Joseph J.—September 28; Bottlers' 896.
St. Croix, Nellis—September 30; Garment Workers, 131.
Harrington, John J.—October 1; David Scannell Club.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Craven, James—In Boston, Mass., September 27; Carmen's 1380.

Moreell Quits Coal Post; Meads Construction Firm

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Admiral Ben Moreell, administrator of the bituminous coal mines since they were taken over by the Government, announced plans to retire from the Navy and Government service September 30. Admiral Moreell, who recently inaugurated fresh wage negotiations between the United Mine Workers (AFL) and mine operators, will become president of the Turner Construction Co. of New York City, succeeding J. Archer Turner, new board chairman.

Captain Collisson, a former power engineer for the American Gas & Electric Corp. of New York City, has been deputy to Moreell in handling the coal situation.

Jack Smith Wins New Post With Plasterers' International Union

In recognition of his extreme ability as a union official and as business representative and secretary of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, John H. Smith was chosen by Operative Plasterers and Cement Finishers' International as its seventh vice-president, which will call upon him to devote his time o organizational work for the union on the West Coast. He will start his new duties January 1, 1947.

Smith has had a card in his union for over 40 years and his wide circle of friends in and out of Labor place their stamp of approval on his selection and wish him every success in his new endeavor.

Pay Boost Sought by Musicians

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (ILNS)—Leo Cluesmann, secretary of the American Federation of Musicians, AFL, said here the union's next attempt to gain higher wages would come in the recording field. Speaking at the annual meeting of the New York State Conference of Musicians, Cluesmann announced that the union would seek increases for its members "so recording companies now making huge profits will have to share some of them with the musicians."

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Hope for Early Tax Cut Dimmed by Snyder Talk

MILWAUKEE (AFLN)—Indicating that the administration does not plan for any tax reduction before 1947, if then, Treasury Secretary Snyder called for continuance of present tax levels until a Federal budget surplus is achieved.

Maintenance of present levels, he said in an address here, is vital "for some time" to combat inflation. The present tax rate is necessary to achieve a balanced budget and to reduce the national debt, he added.

"Now the first responsibility of the Government, definitely, is the balancing of the budget," he declared. "Whether or not a balanced budget for 1947 is possible has not yet been shown, but the administration is bending every effort toward this end."

Latest official budget revisions show a $1,900,000,000 deficit for 1947, obtained only after presidential pruning of agency spendings under the amounts permitted by appropriated funds.

Want 'Across-Counter Sales'

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The American Veterans' Committee (AVC) urged that the across-the-counter sales system for surplus property, recently tested by the War Assets Administration in New Orleans, be extended to the entire country. Chat Paterson, AVC's national legislative representative, in a letter to War Assets Administrator Robert Littlejohn endorsed the new sales plan as "the most sensible and farsighted approach to the program of full distribution of surplus property to veterans."

More Apprentices in Construction

WASHINGTON—Increasing at the rate of 8.9 per cent in one month, the number of apprentices in the building trades rose to 67,387 at the end of August. This was announced by William F. Patterson, Director of the Apprentice-Training Service, U. S. Department of Labor. The greatest increase was registered in the trowel trades, which showed an increase from 7,059 to 8,077 for a gain of 14.4 per cent during August.

Notice to Union Officials

If your union is making on-the-job or office collections for the Community Chest fund-raising campaign, you will need certain materials and supplies to record your efforts and those handling shop contributions. If you do not have the equipment necessary, get in touch with Frank Fitzgerald, AFL liaison man with the Chest, and he will see that you are properly supplied.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Monday, September 30, Secretary Sanford of Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union No. 24, received the following telegram:

"Pacific Press strike settled. Please notify all allied unions and Oakland."

The wire was from Vice-President Dela Rosa of the International Pressmen's Union, who, it was reported at the last meeting of the local allied council, had accompanied Manager Clum of the *Pacific Press* to Pressmen's Home, Tennessee, to discuss a settlement with Major George L. Berry, head of the pressmen's union. Unofficial reports are that the settlement was "across-the-board," providing for the unionization of all mechanical departments.

Neal, Stratford & Kerr has moved to new and larger quarters at 1025 Sansome street. The firm has added much new equipment to take care of its expanding business.

Press dispatches late last week stated that negotiations between the Newspaper Guild and the management of the Los Angeles *Herald-Express,* publication of which has been suspended for a month, had broken down following failure to agree upon an increased wage rate. The guild had demanded a minimum of $100 weekly and the management had increased its offer to an increase of 12½ per cent. According to Milton Murray, national president of the guild, the union finally offered to "scale down its wage demands by one-third." That proposed compromise was refused by the management.

The owners of the *Vancouver Daily Province* have filed suit against the ITU asking one-quarter million dollars as damages. The suit is a result of a strike initiated by the typographical union last June 5. Three months later pressmen refused to handle plates cast from forms composed by strikebreakers and joined the striking printers in picketing the plant. Last week, however, upon orders from the International Printing Pressmen's Union, the Vancouver pressmen returned to work on the *Province,* thus escaping being included in the damage suit and leaving the printers the only workmen on strike.

On September 26 the four daily newspapers in Springfield (Mass.) suspended publication as the result of a joint strike by printers, pressmen and stereotypers.

Rochester Typographical Union, the first in the country demand and enter into negotiations for a $100-week day scale, recessed a concilation meeting when word was received that Vice-President Brown of the ITU had just concluded a contract at nearby Buffalo upon the basis of $74 days and $78 nights. Prior to the Buffalo settlement, Rochester Union was reported to have reduced its "top demand" to $81.

Dayton Typographical Union has signed two new contracts. Dayton's commercial wage was increased to $72 for a 40-hour workweek under the new agreement. the newspaper scale was advanced to $75 for 37½ hours.

Congress, before adjourning, amended the Social Security Law to permit States "to use employee contributions to State unemployment insurance funds to finance disability insurance benefits." In consequence the new California Disability Law becomes effective December 1, 1946, and workers will be eligible for benefits similar to unemployment compensation for disability, sickness or injury.

It is reported that after lengthy negotiations, Cincinnati Union was considering an offer from commercial employers of an increase of $6.25 (day and night) in the job scale, based on a 40-hour week. The proffered increase would raise the job scale to $70 days and $73 nights.

Several readers have requested that attention be called to the daily news commentary by Sidney Roger over KYA at 6:15 p.m.

The *ITU Bulletin* for September lists 96 unions having a minimum newspaper scale of $60 or more. It is significant that almost one-third of the total, 27 to be exact, are on the Pacific Coast.

According to *Editor & Publisher,* the gross income of the printing and publishing industry increased 60 per cent in the 1939-45 period while paper consumption was decreasing by 10 per cent under 1941-42 levels. All of which means more revenue advertising and less reading matter.

N. Y. Employment Rises

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Edward Corsi, State Industrial Commissioner, announced that August employment gains in the State were 2.2 per cent.

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'Cool-Off' Period Strike Upheld in U. S. Court

PHILADELPHIA (ILNS)—Workers who quit their jobs last year during the 30-day "cooling-off" period effective before a strike could be called under the Smith-Connally War Disputes Act did not violate the law, Federal Judge Harry E. Kalodner decided here.

Any such restraints by law would be a violation of an individual's constitutional rights, the judge ruled in dismissing a $20,000 damage suit filed by the Armour Packing Co. against three former employees.

The company charged the men, all members of the International Association of Machinists, caused an "illegal" strike of about 50 employees last October 31 after the union had filed notice of intent to strike under the Smith-Connally Act.

The defendants contended that there had been no strike, and that the men, instead, had quit their jobs.

391 'Big Six' New York Printers Honored After 50 Years in Union

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—In recognition of their membership in Typographical Union No. 6 (AFL), 391 persons received gold lapel buttons here at a special ceremony arranged by the union, commonly referred to as "Big Six."

The old-timers of the printing trade, one of whom joined the union 76 years ago, received cheers from 1,200 persons at the presentation ceremony and praise from Laurence H. Victory, president of "Big Six," and Lieut. Gov. Joe R. Hanley.

On hand to accept the 50-year emblems were the lone woman, Mrs. Carrie E. Sissons of 275 Sixty-first street, Brooklyn, and 208 of her male colleagues. The others, prevented from attending by illness or old age, will get their gold buttons through the mail. The union member of longest standing was 96-year-old Leon Bossue Dit Lyonnais, who started setting type when Ulysses S. Grant was in the White House. He sent a letter of regret at his inability to be present. In his absence, the record-holder was Julius Gottlieb of Smithtown Branch, L. I., who has belonged to the union for 70 of his 90 years.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

By the time this copy of the *Labor Clarion* is in the mail, the annual card party of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 will be over and the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee will thank everyone for their support and her committee will receive the customary rising vote of thanks for their efforts. But, seriously, our members faithfully and generously do their part to make each of our affairs a success and we do thank everyone for their donations of prizes and refreshments.

After spending three weeks in Oregon visiting relatives, Mrs. Agnes Gilroy was the guest of Mrs. Julia Reul, operator on the *Chronicle,* for a week. She spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. David Anley in their cabin in La Honda, leaving for her home in Washington, D. C., last Thursday morning.

Mrs. Roby Wilchman is very happy to have her niece and husband, Lenore, and Jack Murphy, back in San Francisco. They are making themselves at home with the Wilchmans until they can find an apartment. Jack is attending S. F. State College, taking advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights. Roby is also expecting Mrs. Bill Funston of Little Rock, Ark., who is coming to San Francisco to attend the American Legion convention. Mr. Funston is an operator on the *Arkansas Gazette.*

James Ervin Myers arrived at Children's Hospital, Saturday, September 21, weighing seven pounds and ten ounces. He will make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor V. Myers of Tiburon. Papa is a printer on the *Call-Bulletin.* Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Young enjoyed the little get-together at their cabin in Sharp Park so much they have decided to hold open house the second Friday of every month. Members and friends are invited to drop in on them October 11th for the next get-together. Bring your knitting, if you like, or play cards, gossip, or, weather permitting, take a swim in the ocean. For further information call Betsy Haines, TUxedo 4897, or President Loraine Kriese, HEmlock 7254. The address in Sharp Park is 133 Carmel avenue. Grave serves delicious luncheons.

Tuesday evening, September 24th, Jack Bardsley, husband of our last year's president, Myrtle Bardsley, was installed into the office of Commander of American Legion Post No. 40, succeeding Clarence Abbott, who held that high office last year. Several members of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 are members of the Golden Gate Unit of the American Legion auxiliaries. Mrs. Myrtle Bardsley is holding the office of president. Mrs. Bertha Bailey, Mrs. Bijou Blade and J. Ann McLeod were present to view the installation ceremonies and enjoy the entertainment and refreshments.

Call President Loraine Kriese for Union Label Christmas Cards.

Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

President Randolph appointed ITU Representative George L. Heutmaker to assist the scale committee of Indianapolis Mailers Union in negotiating a new contract with the three daily newspapers of that city, after some 35 members of the MIU faction of the Indianapolis union had voted to reaffiliate with the ITU.

A new contract was negotiated. It calls for an increase of 35 cents an hour for a 37½ hour week, which will make their scale $63.38 a week. That's a 26 per cent increase.

As Indianapolis was a "hot bed" of MIU-ism, their reaffiliation with the ITU, is a set back to that fanciful organizationon MIU.

W. C. Weaver, ex-secretary-treasurer of the MTDU and MIU and ex-foreman of an Atlanta daily newspaper, is now a full-time organizer for the MIU. Weaver was formerly an active member of Indianapolis Mailers Union.

Dr. George Goldman, dentist, a former member of Mailers Union No. 18, is now located at 395 Seventeenth avenue, this city.

M. A. Michelson, *Chronicle* chapel, accompanied by his wife, and other relatives, are on a two-weeks auto tour with no particular destination in view other than where fancy may lead them.

Union Printers Golf Association

By ADAM HOOK

Well, Hillview and San Jose are in the records and for those who did not make the trek, we're sorry. It was a fine day and the course was playing short, judging from the scores turned in. Not a very big crowd turned up at the first tee, but what they lacked in numbers they more than made up in class. Following are the scores and winners: Class A—Elmer Darr 81-17-64, Charles White 80-13-67, Les Brewster 89-20-69; Class B—Tim Godfrey 93-30-63, L. Shreveland 94-30-64 (and for a fellow who hasn't been on a golf course for three years that's a terrific score, boys), Ben Apte 89-22-67; hole-in-one, Charles "Curls" Forst the winner with a ball 19 feet 5 inches from the cup (can you imagine?). You will note all the winning scores are well under par figures, which proves the class of golf shot by a classy field of divot-diggers. All told we had 21 players face the starter. And not a single representative from the east side of the bay. Can't imagine what happened to Joe Chaudet and his East Bay swingers. Maybe the trip was too long, and, maybe, it could have been the fault of our Indian guide who did not blaze the trail from Oakland, which was an oversight and we're sorry. That Indian gets us into more trouble.

President Charley Nicholson notified Secretary Bob Smith that he had telephonic communication with Professional Harold Stone at Sonoma Mission Inn and the plans are made for printer-golfers to hie themselves to the famous spa and golf resort in the Valley of the Moon on October 27. That's the last Sunday in October, so make your arrangements now to be in on the shooting that day. And East Bay golfers had better make their plans too. Let's see a representative from over there—maybe we can fix up some kind of team competition that will appeal to the club swingers. Not all the good printer golfers are members of our organization, there must be one or two still not in the fold. So get busy and do some planning. The rest is up to you. Your officers and board are working hard to make these turnouts interesting and if you don't attend you'll never know the fun you missed—which is your loss.

Golf Notes are a little short this week, due to lack of time and having missed out on several good contacts that might have provided grist for the mill. But next week a new correspondent will take over and the notes should be better.

Buffalo Printers Win

BUFFALO (AFLN)—The AFL International Typographical Union here recently won a new wage agreement granting weekly increases of $12 and $13 for printers on all newspapers. This new contract provides the $12 raise for day shift workers and the $13 for night shifters, retroactive to August 19. This boost raises printers to $74 for day shifts, $78 for night work and $82 for the "lobster" shift.

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SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL—HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1946

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Vice-President Rotell.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS—All present; Brother Armstrong acting as vice-president and Brother Johns acting as secretary. (President Shelley and Secretary O'Connell on leave of absence.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

CREDENTIALS—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Ladies Garment Cutters No. 213—Robert Dedeaux vice Henry Zacharin.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Friday, September 27.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Commercial Telegraphers No. 34—David A. Posin; Operating Engineers No. 39—Leo Derby; Sanitary Truck Drivers No. 350—Ben Damonte, Rinaldo J. DeMartini, John Verlotti, and Window Cleaners No. 44—Tony Borsella, T. Gorrebeeck, George H. Lonkey, A. R. Schenk. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From Electrical Workers No. 6, Shipfitters No. 9, Steamfitters No. 590, Waitresses No. 48 and Window Cleaners No. 44, advising that they have endorsed the resolution presented by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in reference to the Wage Stabilization Board. From the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Strike and Policy Committee, AFL, acknowledging receipt of donation of $50.00. From the Butte County Central Labor Council advising that they have adopted the resolution of August 30 in its entirety. From the Conference on China and the Far East, announcing that Brigadier General Evans F. Carlson has called a conference on China and the Far East to be held in San Francisco on October 18th to 20th. From the California State Federation of Labor, Weekly News Letter dated September 18 and September 25.

BILLS were read, approved by trustees and ordered paid.

DONATIONS—To the Organizational and Strategy Committee—Shipfitters No. 9, $1,000.00; Steamfitters No. 590, $500.00. To the Community Chest—Bottlers No. 896, $1,000.00.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—From the Department Store Employees No. 1100, requesting strike sanction against the smaller Downtown Specialty Stores; namely: Ames Millinery, Bartels, Wm. R. Davis, Fannettes, Fashion Bag Shops, Hershs, Juliettes, Krasne Millinery, Lerner Hat Shop, Marvel Millinery, Maries Dress Shop, Peggy Shop, Toby Shop, Lindy's Shop and Wardrobe Shop. From the Photo Engravers No. 8, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the President of the United States urging the Council to take action. From the Retail Shoe Clerks No. 410, requesting strike sanction against George's Men's Shop, 720 Market street, George's Men's Shop, 926 Market street and George's Men's Shop, 968 Market street. From the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in reference to extending an invitation to have the United Nations Permanent Headquarters located in the Bay Area.

REFERRED TO THE LAW AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—From the Sanitary Truck Drivers No. 350, enclosing a copy of a resolution in reference to Proposition No. 16.

REFERRED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—From the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, advising that the Emerson Flagg Factory, 161 Natoma street, is at present unorganized.

REFERRED TO THE UNION LABOR PARTY—From William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, enclosing copies of official records of Congresmen and United States Senators who are candidates for re-election.

REFERRED TO THE LABOR CLARION—From Harry C. Bates, Chairman, Housing Committee of the American Federation of Labor, urging all AFL members who are members of the American Legion to attend the sessions of the American Legion Convention being held in San Francisco from September 30 to October 4, and stimulate support for adoption of resolutions supporting the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill as approved by the Senate last April. From the California State Federation of Labor, again urging everyone to contact the Federation before subscribing to any voluntary disability insurance plan that may be proposed by employer or private insurance carriers.

DELEGATES TAKE NOTE—From William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, enclosing a sample copy of a leaflet "The American Federation of Labor Fights Discrimination," advising that this leaflet may be obtained in quantity for organizing or educational proposed from AFL Regional Offices, State Federation Offices, or the AFL in Washington, D. C. From the California State Federation of Labor, enclosing copies of nine resolutions which were adopted by the 44th Annual Convention of the California State Federation of Labor. From Pile Drivers No. 34, advising that the Lumber and Sawmill Workers have planned a real demonstration in Santa Rosa for Friday and Saturday and urgently request that all unions be represented on the picket line this Saturday. From the Regional Director of the Social Security Board, enclosing tickets for an address to be given by Watson B. Miller, Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, on Sunday, September 29 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Veterans Building, San Francisco.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Monday, September 23.) Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., by Chairman Rotell. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the Dairy and Creamery Employees No. 304, requesting strike sanction against Gene Compton's Dairy, Olema, California; Mr. Rubenstein represented the Dairy and Brother Souza and others represented the Union, this will be held in committee awaiting the return of Brother Silva. In the matter of the Window Cleaners No. 44, requesting strike sanction against the Shumates Drug Stores; Brother Borsella represented that Union and Brothers Kane and Crumpton represented Pharmacists No. 838; this matter has been referred to Chairman Rotell. In the matter of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County in reference to prosecuting the boycott against the White Log Taverns; Brothers Badger and Faber appeared for the Alameda Labor Council and Brother St. Peter appeared for the Local Joint Executive Board and it was recommended that they prosecute the boycott against the White Log Taverns. In the matter of the resolution from the Down Town Association in reference to the restoration of the Palace of Fine Arts, it was recommended by your committee that this resolution be endorsed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORT OF THE TRIAL COMMITTEE—Delegate White reported that a meeting of the trial committee was held Thursday, September 26 and a stenotype operator was present to make a transcript of the proceedings.

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Delegate from Fire Fighters No. 798, reported that with the aid of the Council they are able to place their charter amendment on the November ballot and received permission to use the Council endorsement on their literature, and wished to thank Brothers Johns for his able assistance. Delegate Fitch, Operating Engineers No. 39, reported that they had signed an agreement with the Building Owners and Managers on September 1 and that strike sanction would have to be requested against the Bank of America if no settlement was made by this coming Friday. Delegate Pickle, Electrical Workers No. B-1245, requested the Council to support Charter Amendment No. 1. Delegate Vail, Department Store Employees No. 1100, announced that the leaflet placed on each chair in the Council meeting were placed there by his organization and requested that delegates take this literature and advise their membership of same. Delegate Liebes reported for Building Service Employees No. 87 and Elevator Operators No. 117, that their controversy has been settled as a result of arbitration and wished to thank Brother Phillips for his assistance. Delegate Shoop, Paint, Vanish and Lacquer Makers No. 1071, reported that they have signed a new shop and wished to thank Brother Roberts for his assistance. Chairman Rotell issued a press release concerning the erroneous statements appearing in the CALL-BULLETIN, under date of September 16, 1946. Motion was made and seconded that this Council go on record as unanimously endorsing the statement issued by Chairman Rotell; carried.

NEW BUSINESS—Delegate White, Warehousemen No. 860, requested the delegates of this Council, immediately upon adjournment, to remain and go into session as a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the recent release in the CALL-BULLETIN. This matter was referred to Good and Welfare. Delegate Pickle, Electrical Workers No. B-1245, made a motion that this Council appoint a committee to represent the wishes of this Council in favor of Charter Amendment No. 1; motion carried and the Chair appointed one delegate from each of the organizations involved.

GOOD AND WELFARE—Delegate White, Warehousemen No. 860, moved that the San Francisco Labor Council go on record as endorsing the candidacy of Jack Shelley for Lieutenant Governor. Delegate Mappin, Typographical No. 21, raised the point of order, that such a motion could not be entered under Good and Welfare, whereupon Delegate White withdrew his motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—It was announced that the Sanitary Truck Drivers No. 350, would hold a meeting on Saturday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m., in the Labor Temple; Delegate Murphy, Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250, will represent the Council. Secretary Pro Tem Johns announced that there will be a meeting of the AFL Education Committee on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Labor Temple. It was moved and seconded that when the Council adjourn, it do so out of respect to the memory of Dan Dougherty, a member of Building Material Drivers No. 216 and San Francisco Municipal Park Employees No. 311, who passed away away on September 22; carried.

Receipts, $1,280.00; disbursements, $693.58.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Secretary Pro Tem
San Francisco Labor Council.

N. Y. State Employees Placed on 5-Day Week

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—Twenty-five thousand New York State departmental employees have been placed on a permanent five-day, 37½-hour work week and other State employees will soon follow suit, according to an announcement issued by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Labor leaders and spokesmen of State employees hailed the measure as another great social and Labor advance in the Empire State and pointed out that it was in line with Dewey's pledge of further progressive Labor legislation before the recent convention of the New York State Federation of Labor.

Official sources also said that personnel in State institutions will be paid overtime for work in excess of 40 hours, as soon as the necessary bills can be enacted. Under the old system, departmental employees worked five and a half days, and overtime began after a 48-hour week.

Independent Watch Workers Bar 'Commies' From Official Jobs

BOSTON (ILNS)—The American Watch Workers' Union, in third annual convention, acted to prevent Communists from holding office in the organization, which is independent. Delegates unanimously approved an amendment to the by-laws, which provides that any person who is a Communist or belongs to an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the American form of government shall not be eligible to hold any elective or appointive office in the national union or any local affiliate. Walter Cenerazzo, national president, said there were "no Communists in our union now and we propose not to have any." The union is said to represent the 8,000 workers in the American jeweled watch industry.

Wage Increases Since V-J Day

WASHINGTON—Workers engaged in manufacturing industries received hourly wage increases averaging 14½ cents between V-J Day and May 1946, according to Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. The rise was in line with general wage changes in those industries. Considering all workers, including those not affected by general wage changes, the average gain amounted to about 11½ cents.

Bay Area Labor Week

SEPTEMBER 25—Sailors' Union of the Pacific sign contract with Pacific American Shipowners' Association. . . . Witnesses testifying before State Legislative Committee describe Dave Jenkins, director of California Labor School, as a communist party "hatchet man" within CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union.

SEPTEMBER 26—Safeway Stores, Inc., sue Butchers' Union and others for $631,000 on a "conspiracy in restraint of trade" charge growing from union's Monday closing request. . . . Briefs were ordered by Judge Kaufman in the suit filed by CIO Brewery Workers' Union against former brewery workers' union officials who affiliated with Teamsters' Union.

SEPTEMBER 27—Captain C. F. May was instructed by membership of Masters, Mates and Pilots' 90 to appear before Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach's Washington marine conference to protest the conference while wage negotiations were in progress.

SEPTEMBER 28—Bakery Wagon Drivers' 484 offer arbitration in disputed points in their current negotiations, chief of which is higher commissions for bread salesmen. . . . Many S. F. unionists went to Santa Rosa to participate in the picket line across the Northwestern Pacific Railroad tracks to protest hauling of "hot lumber" from strike-bound mills in redwood lumber area.

SEPTEMBER 29—Masters, Mates and Pilots have not taken a strike vote, expect to leave ships if no contract is agreed on. . . . California Chamber of Commerce proposes a six-point Labor-management program which can be likened to the Case bill in scope.

SEPTEMBER 30—Opposition to the election of Paul Griffiths as commander of the American Legion developed from various Labor Posts during sessions of the Legion convention. . . . Maritime strike looms as CIO Marine Engineers prepare to walk off vessels.

OCTOBER 1—Mayor Lapham will urge citizens of San Francisco to vote "yes" on pay raises for firemen and policemen (No. 4 on November ballot) . . . shipowners haggle over closed shop proposals in current maritime dispute.

W. U. Conciliation Meeting

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—A conciliation meeting between the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the National Co-ordinating Board of American Federation of Labor unions threatening to strike October 23 has been called by Edgar L. Warren, Director of Conciliation, U. S. Department of Labor.

Warren notified R. W. Berthold, company representative, and J. A. Payne of the AFL board that the conferences would begin September 30 in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

Warren called the meeting after talking with special mediator Noel Fox, who will attempt to bring the parties into agreement before the union's 30-day strike notice expires. The strike notice was filed September 23, after the union contended that negotiations over conditions imposed by the Company on a proposed 16½-cent hourly wage increase had broken down.

Teachers and Cost of Living

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—In the next two years public school teachers will find their purchasing power increasingly cut, it was predicted by Prof. Frank K. Shuttleworth, City College personnel bureau, who announced the results of a survey he made recently to determine the rise and fall of teachers' incomes in the last few decades. Since 1941 the annual earnings of wage workers have doubled, while those of teachers have increased only about 16 per cent, the survey report said, adding that rising prices threatened a large decrease in purchasing power.

Disabling Injuries Increase

WASHINGTON—Disabling work injuries in manufacturing increased by a total of 124,000 in the second quarter of 1946, according to a report just released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. These on-the-job accidents, representing 16,500 more injuries than occurred during the preceding year, resulted from rising employment and a continuing high injury frequency rate.

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Labor Council's Agent at USES Explains His Work

Some months ago several members of the San Francisco Labor Council got an idea that a liaison man representing the Labor Council in particular and the AFL movement in general should be set up in the offices of the United States Employment Service on Mission street. The idea gained ground, and after much preliminary work, such a motion was passed by the council. Prospective applicants for the position were interviewed and the selection was made. The Council's Executive Committee chose Mr. Ray C. Lasater.

With due respects to other applicants, the choice seems to be a happy one. Mr. Lasater has had wide experience with the USES and is particularly adapted for the position he now holds. He understands the needs of unions and his former USES experiences give him first-hand knowledge of the government's employment office routine.

In talking with Mr. Lasater about his position as AFL representative, the *Labor Clarion* learned many things. For instance, we learned that a great many employers who have union contracts neglect to place their calls for help with the union first. Also, that a large number of veterans are needed in industry where their army-instructed skills are a requisite. But paramount to all the things we found out, the most important is the splendid public relations that can be built up on the basis of an AFL representative directly in contact with the USES.

Job opening received by the USES from employers who have Labor-management agreements pass through Mr. Lasater's hands for checking before any move is made to fill the order, thus improving relationship between the employer and the USES, and conversely, between the USES and AFL unions. Mr. Lasater stated that there is another way in which the relationship can be improved. In this matter, the business representatives of unions can assist. If they receive a call for workers and are not able to fill such an order, they should call Mr. Lasater and he can thus be in a position of screening to the union the proper prospective job applicants. Likewise, friends of union officials who know of veterans seeking work can assist. If they would advise their veteran friends to contact the union having jurisdiction over the chosen work the union can then refer the men to Lasater who in turn can channel the veteran to the proper job classification under proper union contact.

Another problem facing Mr. Lasater is the number of young men seeking apprenticeships in trades of their choice. There simply is not enough apprenticeship to go around. These young men are directed to other endeavors. Another part of an AFL's representative's job consists of answering numerous questions relative to unions, the chances of joining a union, reinstatement and initiation fees, dues, time limits allowed vets after discharge, unemployment insurance, and kindred questions Again, the unions can assist. Mr. Lasater has most of the answers, but there are some he does not have. Union officials would do well to equip him with data concerning their union relative to the above questions and other information pertinent to union requirements.

Contacts have been made with numerous firms opening new businesses in San Francisco and union business representatives have been apprised of the needs of these new firms.

While only on his job approximately one month, Lasater has turned in a good job. There is much yet to be done to get a smooth-running, co-operative setup in order. With unions co-operating with Mr. Lasater a great deal can be accomplished in this field of endeavor. We feel sure that when both parties develop this smooth-running organization between one and the other a greater service will be rendered the workers in this locality by the San Francisco Labor Council's affiliated unions.

Large Sale of Toys Predicted

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Despite material shortages, toy production for 1946 will reach $250,000,000 in retail sales, a 35 per cent increase over last year, according to a forecast by L. M. MacDonald, president of the Toy Manufacturers of the U. S. A.

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An extensive collection of Spanish War posters will be featured at a benefit cocktail party given by the Spanish Refugee Appeal on Sunday, October 6, at 473 Jackson street. . . . Representatives of all ranks of endeavor will take part in a rally for Charter Amendment No. 3 at 44 Page street on Monday evening, October 7. . . . A national conference calling upon the U. S. government to withdraw armed forces from China is set for Marine's Memorial Theater, Sutter and Mason streets, October 19 and 20.

Appeasement With Reds Rejected by Miners

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AFLN)—A resolution that the United States scrap the atomic bomb and collaborate with Russia and other countries to maintain peace was rejected by the first quadrennial convention of District 9 of the United Mine Workers (AFL).

The delegates acted favorably on the following:

Denunciation of the Decontrol Board; that Congress should be called into special session for an effective price bill; fair unemployment practice legislation; an anti-poll tax law, and a Federal-State housing program for veterans and miners.

Speaking in the same county where agitation for the eight-hour work day began in 1874, Thomas Kennedy, International Secretary-Treasurer of the UMW, told delegates the era of the "six-hour" day is not far off.

July Hiring by U. S. Factories Equal to 1943 Rate, BLS Finds

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Workers were hired in manufacturing plants in July as at the same rate of July 1943, when war production was in full swing, and the factories lost fewer than in any corresponding month since 1941, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

The employment rate was 78 per 1,000 and reflected increases in both the durable and nondurable units of manufacturing, especially in the steel, automobile and food industries. The June rate was 67 and that of July 1945 was 58.

The July separation rate of 59 per 1,000 compared with a rate of 57 for June. The July separation rate was 77. The so-called "quit rate," as distinguished from layoffs and other discharges, accounted for three-quarters of all separations. It was 45 per 1,000 as compared with 45 in June and 52 in July 1945, but was still the lowest for any July since 1942, BLS stated.

The layoff rate of eight per 1,000 was the lowest of any month since April 1945, and the lowest July figure since 1943.

Women left manufacturing jobs at the rate of 67 per 1,000 in July, as compared with 63 in June. The seperation rate for men workers was 54 as compared with 55 the previous month.

1945 Transit Riders

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—More than 23 and a quarter billion people rode on the Nation's transit lines during 1945, according to the annual summary made by the American Transit Association. This represented a record, exceeding even the peak wartime record achieved in 1944. The association, which had anticipated a gradual slackening in passenger volume following the war, attributes the new record to the rapid shift which most industries were able to make from war to peacetime production, as well as to reduced passenger automobile registration.

5000 Upholsterers Who Bolted CIO Enter AFL

CHICAGO (AFLN)—The Upholsterers' International Union (AFL) has agreed to accept applications of 5,000 former members of the CIO who bolted that organization in a mass protest against Communist infiltration. They joined an exodus of 10,000 upholsterers who declined to have any further affiliation with the CIO when Morris Muster, their union president, resigned in protest against increasing Red influences.

Sal B. Hoffman, international president of the AFL group, in a joint statement with Joseph M. Jacobs, counsel, said that representatives of 20 former CIO locals from all parts of the country had met here and completed details for joining the upholsterers' union.

Representatives of 10 furniture plants in Grand Rapids, Mich., 20 others in Indiana and Pennsylvania and several others from scattered cities in the South attended the conference, they said.

Huge Export Goal Seen

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—American factories and farms are expected to achieve in 1946 the 10 billion dollar export goal set last year as a part of a full-employment program. An Export-Import Bank analysis shows that more than one-half the export goal had been met by the end of June. The goal for 1946 of 60 million jobs already has been surpassed. A recent civilian production administration report disclosed that including those in the military services there are 63 million employed Americans.

Aid Austrian Workers

NEW YORK (ILNS)—Austrian trade unionists will soon be the beneficiaries of a new foreign relief plan to be set up as part of Labor's foreign relief program. In response to a number of requests from Austrian trade unions, the AFL Labor League for Human Rights has proposed that $50,000 in food, clothing and other necessities be allocated for relief of Austrian workers. This plan has the tentative approval of the National War Fund.

Did You Get One?

DETROIT (AFLN)—According to a report from the Automobile Manufacturers' Association, factory sales of American-made passenger automobiles and trucks during the first eight months of this year numbered 1,621,816, compared to 2,849,879 during a similar period in 1941. In this year's output the total number of passenger cars was 1,097,065 and 524,751 trucks and coaches.

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